GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:421
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MALHOTRA COMMITTEE REPORT
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been controversy on the recommendations of Malhotra Committee and the move recently taken by the Government for the demolition of farm houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some farmhouses have been demolished;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether policy in regard to farm houses has been finalised; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b): Government have vide notification dated 07.06.2000 suspended the building norms of farm houses as notified on 23.07.1998 as continuance of these norms would have resulted in virtual conversion of green lands into residential colonies. Reports have revealed that in most cases there is hardly any farming activity and these farm houses are being misused for residential, commercial and other non-conforming purposes.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d)to(f): The precise information in this regard is being collected from the MCD and DDA etc.and will be furnished. It is proposed to revert to the pre-23rd July, 1998 planning norms. Objections/suggestions received in response to public notification will be examined.